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SUBJ: OECD TRADE COMMITTEE (TC) DISCUSSION OF TRADE RELATIONS
WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, OCTOBER 22

1. SUMMARY. TWO SIGNIFICANT POINTS THAT EMERGED FROM
UNSTRUCTURED TC DISCUSSION OF TRADE RELATIONS WITH LDC'S
WERE:

(A) CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION WILL HAVE TO BE GIVEN TO
WORKING OUT ELEMENTS OF CONCRETE RESPONSE TO STATEMENTS
IN TOKYO AND OTHER DECLARATIONS ABOUT "SPECIAL" AND
"ADDITIONAL" BENEFITS TO BE ACCORDED TO LDC'S IN MTN AND
(B) CONTINUING INTENSE INTEREST ON PROSPECTS FOR
IMPLEMENTATION OF US GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES. TC
INVITED TWCP TO EXAMINE TIME AND MANNER IN WHICH TC
MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO EXAMINATION OF QUESTION OF ADDITIONAL
BENEFITS WHICH SHOULD ACCRUE TO TRADE OF DEVELOPING
COUNTRIES. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SPIRITED OPENING INTERVENTION,
NORWEGIAN DEL (SVEEN) WARNED TC THAT DCS MUST FACE LDC DEMANDS
SQUARELY AND GIVE CONCRETE CONTENT TO COMMITMENT TO PROVIDE
ADDITIONAL BENEFITS TO LDC'S AS EMBODIED IN TOKYO DECLARATION.
NOTING THAT INDIA AND BRAZIL HAD ALREADY CALLED FOR PERIODIC
PROGRESS REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL BENEFITS IN COURSE OF MTN, SVEEN SAID
IT WAS CLEAR THAT LDC'S WOULD BE MUCH MORE MILITANT THIS
TIME THAN THEY WERE IN KENNEDY ROUND. IN THESE
CIRCUMSTANCES HE FELT THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR TC
AND TCWP TO BEGIN CONSULTATIONS IMMEDIATELY IN ORDER
TO PLAN AND COORDINATE DC RESPONSE TO LDC'S IN MTN.
CONSULTATION SHOULD SEEK BASIS FOR POSITIVE AND PRACTICAL
ACTION AND NOT TAKE ON COLORATION OF DEFENSIVE SOLIDARITY
CHARACTERISTIC OF GROUP B IN UNCTAD MEETINGS. EC
COMMISSION AND MEMBER COUNTRY DELS (HIZEN, COLLIN,
ELSON, AND LAM) RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE OF CONCRETE RESPONSE
TO COMMITMENTS UNDERTAKEN IN TOKYO DECLARATION BUT FELT
TIME WAS NOT YET RIGHT TO ADDRESS QUESTION IN CONCRETE
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TERMS. IT WOULD BE BETTER TO SEE HOW DEVELOPMENTS
PROCEED IN TNC AND PERHAPS REVIEW MATTER AGAIN IN TC
IN LIGHT OF RESULTS OF GENEVA MEETINGS. FRENCH DEL
(COLLIN) EMPHASIZED NEED TO AVOID TRANSFERRING UNCTAD
GROUP SYSTEM TO GATT WHICH COULD WELL ENGENDER
CONFRONTATION.

3. JAPANESE DEL (MIAZAKI) THOUGH NORWEGIAN PROPOSAL

MERITED CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND SUGGESTED IT BE PURSUED
ON INFORMAL BASIS BY TCWO.

4. VIRTUALLY ALL SPEAKERS EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST
IN PROSPECTS FOR US IMPLEMENTATION OF GSP, IMPLICITLY
RELATING THAT QUESTION TO WHAT THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO
DO FOR LDC'S IN MTN. US REP (RENNER) REPORTED THAT NO
IMPORTANT CONGRESSIONAL OPPOSITION TO GSP HAD EMERGED
EITHER IN WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE OR HOEDE ASWHOLE.
NOR HAD ANY SERIOUS OPPOSITION TO GSP BEEN RAISED FROM
PRIVATE SECTOR. HENCE CHANCES FOR PASSAGE OF GSP
TITOE IN TRA LLOKED RATHER GOOD.

5. TC AGREED TO FOLLOWING INCLUSIONS ON BASIS SUMMING
UP BY CHAIRMAN:

- TOOK NOTE OF THE CONCLUSIONS RECENTLY ADOPTED BY
THE COUNCIL ON THE INTEGRATED APPROACH TO PROBLEMS OF
DEVELOPMENT CO-OPERATION IN THE ORGANIZATION (USOECD 26413).
- TOOK NOTE OF THE INFORMATION FURNISHED BY THE
DELEGATE OF THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING THE PROGRESS
OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR A GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF
PREFERENCES; AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT ONCE THE
LEGISLATION IS ENACTED, THE SCHEME WILL BE PUT INTO
EFFECT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE;
- INVITES THE GROUP ON PREFERENCES TO MEET BEFORE
THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE, IN ORDER TO PROCEED
WITH ITS CONSULTATIONS ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, APPLI-
CATIONS, AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE GENERALIZED SCHEMES OF
PREFERENCES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES;
- INVITES THE WORKING PARTY TO EXAMINE, BEFORE THE
COMMITTEE'S NEXT SESSION, THE TIME AND MANNER IN WHICH
THE COMMITTEE MIGHT CONSTRUCTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO AN
EXAMINATION OF THE QUESTION OF THE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS
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